

FAST FACTS

- MSU launched a telework policy in 2015.
- 5 BaltimoreLink buses stop on or near campus.
- 4 Zipcars are located on campus.

DID YOU KNOW?

Thanks to the State of Maryland's transit benefits, State employees are entitled to use any BaltimoreLink bus free of charge. This benefit can be used any time of day or evening, including weekends.



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Morgan State University Commutes

University commute options make the grade.

Located northeast of downtown Baltimore, Morgan State University (MSU) holds the designation as Maryland's "premier public urban research university." This designation signifies that MSU is heavily engaged in the Baltimore community and leverages the City as an urban laboratory to enrich academic studies and research.

MSU's National Transportation Center (NTC) is a shining example of how the University fulfills this role, engaging in transportation research including demand management. The NTC also plays a role in delivering transportation solutions on and off campus - supporting MSU's transportation demand management (TDM) efforts.



The new BaltimoreLink Silver Line bus stops outside the business school on the MSU campus.

Most recently, the NTC was involved in the planning of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Maryland Transit Administration's (MTA) BaltimoreLink Silver Line bus route and terminus. This bus route, for the first time, provides a direct link between downtown Baltimore and the University, as well as connections to residential neighborhoods, connecting people to jobs and higher education opportunities.





New bicycle racks are cropping up around campus to encourage bicycling to campus.

"A lot of faculty at MSU are involved in the community. When the administration was approached by the MDOT MTA about the Silver Line, they tapped into resources on campus."

- Celeste Chavis
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"We sat in on several meetings with the MDOT MTA," says NTC Project Planner Anita Jones. "One of our faculty members even walked the entire campus, surveying the landscape to determine the best location for the terminus."

Transit isn't the only improvement happening on campus. MSU is now benefitting from four new Zipcars as well as several new bicycle parking racks and showers in new buildings for bicycle commuters.



Zipcar has installed four car share spots on campus in the south and north ends of campus.

Sometimes nixing the commute altogether can have positive impacts on employee morale and productivity. Several eligible employees take advantage of MSU's telework policy, including Ms. Jones.

Without the distractions of students, faculty and staff coming in and out of the office throughout the day, productivity increases. "I find I can stay more focused on my tasks when I telework," says Ms. Jones. "These policies benefit both the University and employee," she continued.

MSU continues to enhance its TDM efforts, aiming to improve access for both employees and students. The University understands the important role transportation plays in helping it become an anchor in northeast Baltimore, a mission that guides much of its on and off campus activities.

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